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Sir:

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A copy of the listed documents are attached.

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 9-281421. English language Abstract enclosed.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 2-129614 and 8-118725. The relevance of these applications are discussed on page 4 of the specification. English language Abstracts enclosed.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 6-18802, 7-209596 and 9-274152. The relevance of these applications are discussed beginning pages 4 and of the specification. English language Abstracts are enclosed for JP-A 6-18802 and JP-A 9-274152.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-202019. The relevance of this application is discussed on page 4 of the specification. English language Abstract enclosed.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 10, 7-199109. The relevance of this application is discussed on page 5 of the specification.

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 1-180510, 8-297256, 9-33850, 9-146030, 10-333069 and 11-84285. The relevance of these applications are discussed on page 5 of the specification. English language Abstracts enclosed

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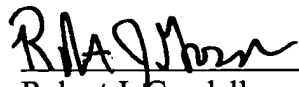
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